Increase in strength of Judges

† 4123. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the growing number of pending cases in various courts from district level to the level of Supreme Court;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to increase the number of Judges in the High Courts and Supreme Court for quick disposal of the cases; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir. The pendency of cases in the judiciary is a cause of concern both for Government and Judiciary.

(b) and (c) The pendency in Supreme Court has come down from 1,04,936 in 1991 to 30,151 as on 1.1.2005 There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the judge strength in Supreme Court.

The judge strength in High Courts is revised once in three years. The last such revision was done in the year 2003. Pursuant to this 94 posts of judges in High Courts have been created subject to the approval of the State Government.

Delimitation of Constituencies

† 4124. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the action for delimitation of Lok Sabha and Assembly constituency was discontinued;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) by when fresh action would be initiated for delimitation; and

(d) the details of the progress made so far in this regard, State-wise and by when the work would be completed?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.